

Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Initial Claims Statistics June 2006

Rhode Island workers filed a total of 8,122 initial claims for unemployment insurance benefits in June 2006, an increase of 628 (8.4%) from the 7,494 initial claims filed in June 2005.

Employees with an attachment to the Accommodation & Food Services (1,106) sector filed the greatest number of claims during the month followed by the employees of the Manufacturing (1,028) and Transportation & Warehousing (883) sectors. Layoffs in these three sectors which accounted for more than one-third of the initial claims filed this month, are attributed to school closings (Transportation & Food Services) and vacation shutdowns (Manufacturing). There were also a significant number of initial claims filed by individuals with an attachment to the Health Care & Social Assistance (781) Educational Services (552) and the Administrative & Waste Services (500) sectors.

At the major occupational level, workers classified in Transportation & Material Moving (1,125) Production (1,036) and Food Preparation & Serving Related (1,006) occupations filed the most initial claims accounting for thirty-nine percent of the monthly total. There were also a significant number of initial claims filed by individuals with an attachment to Education, Training & Library (929) Office & Administrative Support (781) and Management (549) occupations.

Initial Claims by Occupation					
	Claims	Percent			
Occupation	8,122	100%			
Management	549	6.8%			
Business & Financial Operations	122	1.5%			
Computer & Mathematical	43	0.5%			
Architecture & Engineering	54	0.7%			
Life, Physical & Social Science	28	0.3%			
Community & Social Services	87	1.1%			
Legal	18	0.2%			
Education, Training & Library	929	11.4%			
Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports & Media	96	1.2%			
Healthcare Practitioner & Technical	99	1.2%			
Healthcare Support	153	1.9%			
Protective Service	199	2.5%			
Food Preparation & Serving Related	1,006	12.4%			
Building & Grounds Cleaning & Maintenance	98	1.2%			
Personal Care & Service	181	2.2%			
Sales & Related	345	4.2%			
Office & Administrative Support	781	9.6%			
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	11	0.1%			
Construction & Extraction	319	3.9%			
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	180	2.2%			
Production	1,036	12.8%			
Transportation & Material Moving	1,125	13.9%			
Military Specific	32	0.4%			
Information Not Available	631	7.8%			

Data may not add up due to rounding variations.

* 2005 Annual		

Initial Claims by Industry Sector					
	Claims	Percent			
Industry	8,122	100%			
Agriculture/Forestry	10	0.1%			
Mining	9	0.1%			
Utilities	1	0.0%			
Construction	417	5.1%			
Manufacturing	1,028	12.7%			
Wholesale Trade	134	1.6%			
Retail Trade	414	5.1%			
Transportation & Warehousing	883	10.9%			
Information	40	0.5%			
Finance & Insurance	155	1.9%			
Real Estate	90	1.1%			
Professional & Tech. Services	141	1.7%			
Management of Companies	18	0.2%			
Administrative & Waste Services	500	6.2%			
Educational Services	552	6.8%			
Health Care & Social Assistance	781	9.6%			
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	99	1.2%			
Accommodation & Food Services	1,106	13.6%			
Other Services	208	2.6%			
Public Administration	241	3.0%			
Information Not Available	1,295	15.9%			

Women filed sixty-two percent of the June claims whereas men filed thirty-eight percent. School Bus Drivers, Food Preparation Workers and Food Servers (Nonrestaurant) are the occupations most cited by these newly unemployed women. School Bus Drivers, Construction Laborers, and Carpenters are the occupations most cited by the newly unemployed men.

Forty percent of the claimants filing initial claims this month reported a high school diploma as their highest level of educational attainment. Thirty-three percent of the claimants reported having education beyond high school, with eleven percent possessing a Bachelor's degree. Thirteen percent of the claimants filing did not have a high school diploma or GED.

Initial Claims by Educational Attainment

